

# ***NEWS UPDATE***

## **SHELBY COUNTY OFFICE OF PREPAREDNESS**

## **MEMPHIS & SHELBY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**



## **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (901) 515-2525**

**August 31, 2008**

### **Afternoon Update**

**Shelter Command/Coordination:** Shelby County Office of Preparedness-Memphis and Shelby County EMA Emergency Operations Center **(901) 515-2525**. Bob Nations, Director

**Total Evacuees in Memphis and Shelby County:** Approximately 1250

**Evacuees Expected:** 600 persons will arrive on Amtrak between 9 p.m. and midnight tonight

### **Shelter Locations managed and monitored by EMA Operations and American Red Cross**

- Memphis Park Services Community Centers for those ordered to leave their homes-9
- Catholic High Schools-Bishop Byrne 1475 East Shelby Drive-AT CAPACITY
- Catholic High School 61 North McLean-AT CAPACITY

**Shelter Management:** American Red Cross

**Shelter Health Services:** Memphis and Shelby County Health Department

**Evacuee center security:** Memphis Police Department and Shelby County Sheriff's Office

**(More)**

**Other Shelters in Operation:**

- Cummings Street Baptist Church-250 East Raines Road-AT CAPACITY
- First Baptist Church of West Memphis, Arkansas-200 Missouri Street (901) 508-0665 (cell phone of shelter coordinator)

**Those wishing to open a shelter:** Contact the EMA Operation Center at 515-2525. Facilities need to be evaluated by the American Red Cross before they are opened. Any shelters that open this afternoon will be included in the evening update.

**Pets:** Not allowed in the shelters. Boarding arrangements can be made by calling the EMA Operations Center

**Food:** Provided by Memphis City Schools

**Transportation:** MATA Buses

**Donated Goods:** None are needed at this time

**Volunteers for the relief effort:** Volunteer Memphis **(901) 324-8799**

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness/Memphis Shelby County Emergency Management Agency is open 24 hours a day.

Representatives of Shelby County and Memphis City Government divisions and various community agencies are at the center monitoring hurricane "Gustav" and "Hanna." For questions, call the Emergency Operations Center at **(901) 515-2525**.

Routine news releases will be issued a various times each day to keep you posted about the latest information on the evacuee relief effort.

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